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SUBJECT: ZACCAGNINI FAILS TO SHOW UP AT IMPORTANT MEETING IN
PALERMO

1. DC NATIONAL SECRETARY BENIGNO ZACCAGNINI FAILED TO SHOW UP IN PALERMO AT A GATHERING OF DC LEADERS AND CADRES FROM ALL OVER THE ISLAND ON DECEMBER 21. OFFICIAL REASON ADDUCED WAS THAT AIR STRIKE HELD HIM IN ROME. HOWEVER, DISAPPOINTED DC DELEGATES -- RATHER NUMEROUS -- DID NOT BELIEVE OFFICIAL EXPLANATION. SOME GOSSIPED ABOUT MORE PRESSING "IMPEGNI" IN CONNECTION WITH CURRENT MONTEDISON DIFFICULTIES AND CONCERN OVER FANFANI'S POLITICAL CHALLENGE.

2. NEVERTHELESS, ZACCAGNINI HAD HIS SPEECH READ BY SICILY'S DC REGIONAL SECRETARY. THE SPEECH FOCUSED ON THE MEZZOGIORNO ISSUE BUT IGNORED THE MORE IMPORTANT "LEGISLATIVE PACT" NOW IN OPERATION BETWEEN THE RULING CENTER-LEFT REGIONAL COALITION AND THE COMMUNISTS.

3. THIS OVERSIGHT GENERATED TWO DIFFERENT OPINIONS: A CONSERVATIVE OBSERVER COMMENTED THAT THE LEGISLATIVE PACT OF SICILY IS TOO RADICAL FOR ROME TO ENDORSE AT THIS MOMENT. ZACCAGNINI'S SYMPATHIZERS JUSTIFIED HIS SILENCE ON THE ISSUE AS REFLECTING ROME'S PREFERENCE FOR SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OVER LOCAL LEGISLATIVE MANOUVERING.

4. ON THE WHOLE, SUNDAY'S EVENT PRODUCED UNEASINESS FOR ALL
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